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Inmate Back in Custody

(Pierre) - A state prison inmate who walked away from a minimum-security facility last week is back in custody.

Robert Owen was apprehended by Sisseton-Wahpeton tribal police early Sunday morning. He has since been returned to the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Owen walked away March 20th from Unit C, a minimum-security unit located outside the perimeter fence of the Jameson Annex, which is adjacent to the Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

Owen was serving a two-year sentence for Driving Under the Influence out of Codington County.

Owen now faces escape charges. A conviction for escape from the prison system carries a mandatory sentence of no less than seven years. Under state law, the sentence on conviction for an escape begins once the last sentence of imprisonment is complete.